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After an absence from our readers for some time this favorite publication, the only best news and general paper in the country, has made its appearance. We are glad to know that it continues to progress in public favor. Published in weekly and monthly parts, it forms a most attractive visitor for the little ones of the family. The June number—just received—completes the second volume. The third volume begins in July with a new and thrilling story, by the author of "Jack Dobbell, or a Boy's Adventures in Texas," to be called *The Adventures of Big-Foot Willie, the Texas Ranger*. Now is the time to subscribe. Terms \$2 a year, or three copies for \$4 50. Address J. W. Burke & Co., Macon, Georgia.

## When Emancipation took Place.

The importance of the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to the validity of a bond given for the purchase of a negro in 1864, and settling the question, so far as North Carolina is concerned, of the date of Emancipation, caused us to give it in full yesterday morning, although only received by the mail the night before. This decision is a very important one to our people, and must decide many similar disputes.

## Emancipation was accomplished, according to the Supreme Court, by the action of the Convention of 1865, and not by the Proclamation of President Lincoln, January 1st, 1863, or the order of General Sherman in May 1865.

## Freights for the West Salubrious Examination and our Steamship and Railroad Lines.

We know our friends of the Salubrious Examination must not wilfully do anything to injure the Steamship and Railroad lines running to this city merely to benefit those running to ports and cities beyond the limits of the State. However much editorial vanity may have been flattered by the kindly notices of the Norfolk press, or the editorial palate tickled by the savory viands provided by the Norfolk Board of Trade, or the editorial eyes delighted with the beauty of Norfolk ladies, during the recent excursion to that enterprising city, we do not believe that all these charms have eradicated from the hearts of our friends their love for the old State, or the desire to advance her interests or promote her welfare. We are satisfied that the recent attack made by the *Examiner* upon the through freight line between New York and points on the North Carolina Railroad via Wilmington was the result of misinformation and ignorance of the true state of affairs.

## The officers of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, in connection with Mr. CLAYDE of New York, through their then agents in this city, Messrs. WORTH & DANIEL, in order to secure a portion of the freight passing North and South to and from the interior of this State, determined to put freight down at such rates as to attract a portion at least of this great business, and we are glad to say, with considerable success. To do this, however, the officers of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, as did the officers of the Wilmington and Manchester, and Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, enter into a contract with the Clyde line of steamers, at the time the only line plying between this port and New York, not to make through rates with other lines. The Clyde line on its part contracting to transport freight between New York and Wilmington as cheap as any other line could do. By such an arrangement the shipper had nothing to complain of, but was greatly benefited by it. It was an advantage to our city to have a well-established line of steamers with New York, and the officers of the railroads and the agents of the steamers deserve credit for the energy and liberality by which they have secured a cheap and expeditious freight line, by which North Carolinians can receive and ship their freight through a North Carolina port and over North Carolina Railroads.

## Since this contract was entered into the Lorillard steamers have been put on the line between this place and New York, of which Messrs. Barry Brothers are the Wilmington agents. These gentlemen deserve credit for their energy and enterprise, and we are glad to know that both lines are meeting with success. In the rivalry our people will doubtless be benefited, for each will strive to give the better satisfaction.

## The cause of the hasty and ill-tempered attack upon the officers of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad by the Salubrious Examination, is that the charges on a buggy consigned to Mr. T. E. Brown, of Salisbury, received here by one of the Lorillard steamers, were not paid by the Railroad Company, and the buggy forwarded without delay. There is no allegation that the rates of freight were too high, but that charge was refused to be paid. Whereupon the *Examiner* fires away in the dark, insinuating that there is an attempt to force freight by lines marked out in the interests of some Railroad ring, and demands that the convenience and wishes of the people should be consulted. All this is meaningless balderdash, as our friends must perceive, in the face of the facts of the case.

## The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company could not pay the back charges upon the buggy without a violation of their contract, and without the contract with the only New York steamship line then running to this city, the convenience and wishes of such people as desired to ship freight through Wilmington could not have been consulted. These contracts between steamship lines and railroad companies are very usual and proper. It is the only way to build up cheap lines of freight through ports which are unable to support several competing lines. No injustice can be done shippers, for they will not patronize it unless it is as expeditious, reliable and cheap as rival lines. These combinations are formed not so much to drive off competition at home as to give

## strength to the enterprise to compete with rival lines through other ports and over other railroads. It is for the mutual benefit of the shippers and transportation companies.

## If Mr. Brown had shipped his buggy to Portsmouth by another steamer than one of the McCready line, the back charges would not have been paid by the agent of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad. The same principle holds good if he had shipped via Charleston. So the convenience or demands of the people of the West could not be better suited in this respect by withdrawing their patronage from the Wilmington line on this account and bestowing it elsewhere. We think if we offer equal inducements to our Western friends we should be preferred to lines through other States.

## We wish it was not necessary for our railroads and steamships to combine. We wish that the commerce of Wilmington could support a dozen lines of steamers and as many railroads. But we must take things as we find them, and we have written this article as much to command the officers in charge of this through line of freight for their energy and liberality in building up a cheap, reliable and expeditious route of transportation under difficulties and many adverse circumstances, as to defend them from an attack evidently made upon a misunderstanding. Much credit is due to Mr. WORTH, the present Wilmington agent for the arrangement, and especially to Captain A. D. CLAYDE, the indefatigable and popular business manager of the line in this city. His efforts, aided by the advice and assistance of Mr. WORTH and the late Mr. DANIEL, have re-established an important business, which had nearly been lost. We trust it will be a source of profit to them, as we know it to be for the convenience and interest of the people of the interior.

## Book Notice.

THE BRIDE'S FAIR. BY MRS. EMMA D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH.

We have received a copy of "The Bride's Fair," the sequel to "The Changed Brides," from T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa., through Mr. HANSENBERG, who has them for sale. It will command a very large sale, as it is fully equal to "The Changed Brides," "Fair Play" and "How He Won Her," which have proved to be three of the best novels every published, and which are having unprecedented sales, for Mrs. Southworth is, beyond all doubt, the most popular female novelist in the world. For the brilliancy and point of her conversations, the ease and spirit of her narrative, the splendid and graphic character of her descriptions of natural scenery, and the general power and originality of her conceptions, Mrs. SOUTHWORTH occupies the front rank among all female writers of fiction. It is published in a large duodecimo volume of five hundred pages, in uniform style with "The Changed Brides," "Fair Play" and "How He Won Her," and sold at the low price of \$1.75 in cloth, or \$1.50 in paper cover; and will be sent free of postage to any one, on receipt of the price by the publishers.

## Something about Father McNamara's "Impressions of the South."

The Brooklyn *Catholic* comes to us this week with a spicy column in relation to the "Impressions of the South," by Father McNamara.

This article which we copied entire in last Sunday's issue, has, it seems, excited no small share of attention. It has elicited unusual commendations from many quarters. We have seen it called an "admirable article," and we ourselves said it ought to be read throughout the entire country, as it contained many wholesome truths—expressed in bold and eloquent language. We said its author was a man of ability, of truthfulness, and of feeling; but, as was to be expected, the enemies of the South are raging at the just and conciliatory temper in which the article was written.

The spirited Editor of the Brooklyn *Catholic* wields the pen to great effect in defence of Father McNAMARA; and it is refreshing to read his dignified rebuke of a certain "Melchisedek" and of a little Mister Flynn, both of whom had the temerity to snarl at the author of the said "Impressions."

The Brooklyn Editor is certainly energetic in beating back these men in their "malicious" assault upon the "gentle, mainly letter of the worthy priest."

In the present number of the *Catholic* the individual hiding his character behind the sanctified name of Melchisedek, gets his style described as "un-Christian," and as "billingsgate." In addition, his articles are called *inappreciable and offensive*; and finally he is pointed to a "complete and overwhelming refutation of his unjust, ungentlemanly and unfair" representations.

After this the editor turns around on "Mister Flynn," and his fellows of "the narrow-minded clique." It is amusing to see the coolness with which he brings them to grief. Imagine a powerful mastiff put a myriad of curs to flight with a single snap, and you will have a picture of how the editor disposes of this whole gang.

It appears this Flynn has been trying his hand at the law, but could not move a limb under such a weight. In quest of crumbs he now flies a quill in the office of the Brooklyn *Times*, and from attorney-at-law he becomes attorney-at-press.

"We wish you a prosperous career," Mister Flynn, concludes the editor of the *Catholic*—"We always thought that the study of law was too heavy for you. We are glad you have adopted a profession more suited to your tastes."

Three years ago, on the Fourth of July, 1866, we submitted the following comments upon the occasion to the readers of the JOURNAL. We republish them to-day as a fit commentary upon the progress we have made in the pursuit of liberty and peace. A change of dates merely, and our application of facts and principles then will apply to the Fourth of July to-day. Without change we submit the article to our readers:

## THE FOURTH OF JULY.

More than one year ago to-day, the Confederate armies surrendered to the United States authorities, and, so far as the South-

ern people were concerned, the war was closed. They were then required to swear that henceforth they would faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States formed thereunder. But few of our citizens declined to take this oath and never did a people subscribe to an obligation in better faith and with nobler intentions. And in order to conform themselves to the new order of things, and accept fully the political situation established by force of arms, the Southern people went beyond this. For although President Lincoln had officially declared that he had neither the will nor the power to interfere with slavery in the States, the South gave its solemn obligation that it would abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations made during the war with reference to the emancipation of slaves.

The heroism and devotion that has rendered the Southern people illustrious, wherever manhood and patriotism are regarded as virtues, should have been esteemed the best guarantees that these obligations were not entered into with a craven spirit, but in the hope of peace and in the interest of the future prosperity of a common country. A courageous devotion to principles, which stood the severest tests to which men's honesty of purpose have been subjected, was the surest evidence that present declarations could have been confided in.

The quiet and, under the circumstances, mainly, submission to the demands made upon them, seems to have inflamed their conquerors against the Southern people. Their cheerful concessions were re-paid by renewed exactions, evincing by degrees a determined purpose to degrade them. The South was not only called upon to acquiesce fully in the legitimate results of the war, but is now asked to make "treason obnoxious." The noble men who bore our banners in triumph over the bloody fields of Manassas, through the memorable swamps of Chickahominy, and the terrific charges at Chancellorsville, and sealed their honest devotion to the cause in which they had embarked by the devoted attempt for mastery, against odds and resources without parallel in history, almost against hope in the desperate struggle for victory from the Wilderness to Petersburg, and in the stern and sullen retreat to Appomattox; and those who at Beaufortville illustrated the mighty power of true patriotism in the hour of despair, must be denounced by their own people as traitors, or, if dead, their memories must be dishonored and their blood despised. The virtues and deeds of the dead Jackson must be ignored or remembered with execrations, and the character of the living Lee must be blackened with abuse, and the iniquities heaped upon the illustrious prisoner at Fortress Monroe applauded.

In order to be regarded as loyal and to be restored to the Union, the Southern people are not only called upon to belie their natures, but must themselves voluntarily execute the bond of their own infamy. They must not only submit to degradation, but profess that they cheerfully submit to it as the just need of their traitorous actions.

To-day the South would have been glad to have united with the North in honest and grateful rejoicings at the return of this national holiday. Throughout the North, excited orators to more excited audiences will utter patriotic harangues because returning peace has restored over this great country the blessings of the Constitution and the Union. Tens of thousands of loyal tongues will utter exhortations against England's tyrant, as their chosen readers, with faultless articulation, read from the Declaration of Independence, that immortal document of our old rebel forefathers, how swarms of officers have been sent to harass the people and eat out their substance; how standing armies, in time of peace, have been kept among them, without their consent; how they have been subjected to a jurisdiction foreign to the Constitution and unacknowledged by their laws; how taxes have been imposed without their consent; how they have been, in many cases, deprived of the benefits of trial by jury; how their charters have been taken away and their most valuable laws abolished; how the civil government has been made subservient to the military; how their sanctuaries have been ravaged, their towns burnt, and the lives of their people destroyed; how domestic insurrections have been excited among them; and how their petitions for redress, in the most humble terms, have been answered by repeated injury. Throughout the length and breadth of the prosperous North, with countless multitudes, filled with patriotism, and in the enjoyment of all the comforts and luxuries of teeming wealth, and clothed in the panoply of intense loyalty, and blinded with the completeness of their success, respond with fanatical zeal to each separate count in the terrible bill of indictment, and denounce as disloyal and traitorous, those who might suggest that the substitution of "the present Congress" for "the present King of Great Britain" in that remarkable paper, would be but "submitting facts to a candid world."

Then, as a brave and noble people, with profound admiration for free freedom and good sense, whose self-respect has not perished with their defeat, we are glad that our people have not welcomed the Fourth of July with senseless uproar and pretended rejoicings. They know and appreciate all that is implied in the due observance of this day, and have done and will continue to do all that their obligations require and their honor permit, to be regarded as worthy to assemble upon this national Sabbath with the other States, as worshippers around the altar of constitutional liberty.

The Southern people feel most powerfully the full truth of the remark of ex-President Davis to his humane Surgeon—For cruel outrages which have told with fearful fury upon his health, have spent their fury in rain upon his mind and his courage—that his people, having failed in their efforts to establish a country, had no country now but America. For the sake of that Country they will do all that duty

requires, and upon its altar will offer any sacrifice, but their honor. To-day, then, should be passed by our people in dignified silence. Rejoicings will be but the shallow pretences of a cowardly nature; complaints are the wretched echoes of radical hate.

## Maine Politics.

The Democratic State Convention at Bangor, Nominating of General Smith, of Waterville, for Governor.

BANGOR, Me., Tuesday, June 29.

The State Democratic Convention met here to-day. Six hundred and sixteen delegates were present. The Convention organized by the choice of C. H. Kimball of Portland, as President, a Vice-President from each county, four Secretaries, and the appointment of the usual Committees. An informal ballot resulted in the nomination of C. P. Kimball, of Portland, for Governor, he receiving 145 votes; then came the choice of C. H. Kimball, of Portland, as President, a Vice-President from each county, four Secretaries, and the appointment of the usual Committees. An informal ballot resulted in the nomination of C. P. Kimball, of Portland, for Governor, he receiving 145 votes; then came the choice of C. H. Kimball, of Portland, as President, a Vice-President from each county, four Secretaries, and the appointment of the usual Committees. An informal ballot resulted in the nomination of C. P. Kimball, of Portland, for Governor, he receiving 145 votes; then came the choice of C. H. 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